

**JOINT SELECTBOARD and BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING NOTICE**

Due to COVID-19 Public Participation will be by:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99264502976>

Meeting ID: 992 6450 2976 Password: 809676

Dial into meeting: +1 646 558 8656 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 301 715 8592

Monday, February 8, 2021

Topics may start earlier than specified, unless there is a hearing scheduled

Meeting Being Taped

Votes May Be Taken

1. 6:30 PM Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken
2. 6:30 Board of Health Chair opens the meeting, roll call taken
3. 6:31 Approve Minutes:
 - Joint Selectboard and Board of Health: February 1, 2021
4. 6:32 Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Selectboard will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment
5. 6:35 Pole Location Hearing
 - Eversource is requesting 1 new pole and anchor along Park St. to support the line angle for line upgrade and voltage conversion. Pole will be located across the street from existing pole 9
6. 6:40 Pole Location Hearing
 - Eversource is requesting 1 new pole and anchor near the intersection of Park St. and L St. to support the line angle for line upgrade and voltage conversion. Pole will be located across the street from existing pole 15
7. 6:45 Pole Location Hearing (Continued from January 25, 2021)
 - Eversource is requesting 2 new poles along Unity St. and Broadview Heights to reduce excessive span distances for line upgrade and voltage conversation. Poles will be located along existing 3-phase line underneath the existing wire
8. 6:50 Jon Dobosz, Parks & Recreation Director
 - Winter Programs
 - Use of Public Property: “Drive-thru” Peter Cottontail’s EGGstravaganza, April 3, 2021, 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM
9. 7:00 COVID-19 Updates and Action Items
 - Update on Montague COVID case counts and other summary data
 - Review Reopening Plan Relative to any changes in trends
 - Update on Vaccine Distribution
 - Review of any Updated State Guidance or Orders

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10. 7:15 Chelsey Little, WPCF Superintendent
 - Sewer Abatement Requests, First Half FY21 Billing
11. 7:25 Josh Goldman, Flower Power
 - 180 Industrial Blvd. Option Extension
12. 7:35 February 25, 2021 Special Town Meeting
 - STM Planning updates
 - Special Town Meeting Warrant – To approve and execute draft warrant, attached hereto
13. 7:45 Town Administrator's Report
 - Topics not anticipated in 48 hour posting

Upcoming Meetings:

- Selectboard Meeting, **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021, 6:30 PM** via Zoom
- French King Bridge Public Hearing Webinar: February 25, 2021, 8:00 AM
<https://www.mass.gov/event/ervinggill-design-public-hearing-webinar-and-comment-period-2021-02-25t000100-0500-2021-02>

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
February 25, 2021 6:30pm**

Franklin, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Montague in the County of Franklin:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet remotely, via Zoom Webinar and Options Technology, Inc. Voting Platform beginning at 6:30 P.M. on February 25, 2021, and to act on the following articles and any motions which may be presented.

Town Meeting members who have email addresses on file with the Town Clerk will be sent instructions via email as to how to log-in, view and participate in the meeting. Those Town Meeting members for whom we do not have a current email address, or any member who does not receive an email from the Town by the close of business on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, should contact the Town Clerk's Office at townclerk@montague-ma.gov or (413) 863-3200, to access support that would enable you to log-in, view and participate in the meeting.

Registered Town of Montague voters, who are not Town Meeting Members, wishing to view and participate in this remote Town Meeting must submit a request to participate in the Meeting to the Town Clerk, at townclerk@montague-ma.gov or (413) 863-3200, by no later than 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. Upon receipt of the request and verification of the requester's voter registration status, the Town Clerk shall provide to the requester instructions for participating in the remote Town Meeting.

For individuals wishing to view the Town Meeting, it will be broadcast on Montague Community Television, Comcast Channel 17.

Town Meeting members are encouraged to begin the process of joining the meeting at 6:00 pm on February 25, 2021 so as to avoid any delays in the commencement of the meeting.

The first order of business at the Town Meeting shall be for the Town Meeting members present and voting to vote on whether or not to commence business at the Town Meeting remotely by means of the Zoom webinar and Option Technologies, Inc. virtual voting platforms.

If the Town Meeting members vote to continue conducting the Town Meeting remotely, the members shall proceed by remote participation to address the remaining articles included in the warrant therefor.

If the Town Meeting members do not vote to continue conducting the Town Meeting remotely, the Town Meeting shall immediately be dissolved without taking any votes on any other matters and the Select Board may call the Town Meeting for a future date pursuant to a new warrant that provides for the Town Meeting to be held in person at a physical location in accordance with all applicable laws and provisions of the Montague Town Meeting Act.

WARRANT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1: To see if Town will vote to conduct this Special Town Meeting remotely with the aid of Zoom Webinar and Options Technology Inc. virtual voting technology.

(Moderator Request)

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 29 from the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting, by which the Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 purpose of re-sealing and re-painting the walkways within the Unity Park Playground, by changing the purpose of the vote to also include crack sealing and painting of the Unity Park Basketball Court or pass any other vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Parks & Recreation Request)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to amend Schedule II, Salaries of Appointed Officials, as voted pursuant to Article 4 of the June 13, 2020 Annual Town Meeting by increasing the stipend for the Emergency Management Director from \$5,765 to \$7,500, or any other amount, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to increase the FY21 Information Technology budget by \$12,000, or any other amount, or pass any other vote or votes in relation thereto.

(IT Coordinator Request)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$215,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of replacing the WPCF's current gas chlorination system with a liquid sodium hypochlorite disinfection system, or similar technology, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(WPCF Request)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a lease purchase agreement in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.44, §21C for a period in excess of three years for the lease and purchase of a sludge dewatering press and any equipment or expenses related thereto, and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$70,000, or any other amount, for the first year payment of such agreement, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(WPCF Request)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$77,150, or any other amount, for the purpose replacing the Chestnut Hill Loop Bridge, including but not limited to engineering, design, permitting, bidding, oversight, construction services, and any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Planning Department Request)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,450,000 or any other sum for the purpose of enabling the Airport Commission to acquire three properties identified below for airport and aviation purposes, and any costs incidental or related thereto:

- (a) a parcel of land located at 24 Industrial Boulevard, Montague, Massachusetts, containing 2.99 acres, more or less, and described in a deed dated 10/21/2020 and recorded with the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 7632, Page 194 also being shown as Parcel 3 on a plan dated May 1992 and recorded in FCRD Plan Book 84 Page 78. This parcel is also identified as Assessors' Parcel ID 17-0-046.
- (b) land and buildings located at 36 Industrial Boulevard, Montague, Massachusetts, containing 5.26 acres, more or less, and described in a deed dated 1/20/2006 and recorded in Franklin Country Registry of Deeds in Book 5034, Page 49 being shown as Parcel 2 on a plan dated May 1992 and recorded in FCRD Plan Book 84 Page 78. This parcel is also identified as Assessors' Parcel ID 17-0-045.
- (c) land and buildings located at 40-44 Industrial Boulevard, Montague, Massachusetts, containing 2.14 acres, more or less, and described in a deed dated 5/1/1970 and recorded in Franklin Country Registry of Deeds Book 1259, Page 683 being shown as Parcel 1 on a plan dated May 1992 and recorded in FCRD Plan Book 84 Page 78. This parcel is also identified as Assessors' Parcel ID 17-0-033.

And that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7 and/or 8, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20, as amended, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and further, to authorize the Airport Commission, and any other appropriate officials of the Town, to apply for and accept any forms of financial assistance that may be available to the Town on account of this project, including but not limited to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Massachusetts Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division, and further, to authorize the Airport Commission to take any and all action and enter into and execute any and all agreements and other

documents as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the purposes of this Article, and, further, to authorize the Airport Commission to lease raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide portion or portions of the above-described property on such terms and conditions and for such duration (which may be up to 99 years) as the Airport Commission deems appropriate; or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Airport Commission)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,000, or any other amount, for engineering, design, permitting, bidding, oversight, and construction services for the purpose of making necessary improvements and upgrades to and for furnishing and equipping the aviation Fueling Station located at 40 Industrial Boulevard, including any and all incidental and related costs, and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7 and/or 8, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20, as amended, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, provided, however, that this vote shall be contingent upon the Town appropriating funds for the acquisition of said property as set forth in Article 8 of this warrant, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Airport Commission Request)

ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$39,800 for the purposes of increasing the Fiscal Year 2021 Airport operating budget, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Airport Commission Request)

Given under our hands this ____th day of February in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty One.

Michael Nelson

Christopher M. Boutwell, Sr.

Richard Kuklewicz, Chairman
Selectmen, Town of Montague

Franklin, ss Montague, MA February ____, 2021

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague by posting attested copies of the same in a conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, and the Town Hall of the Town of Montague at least fourteen days before said meeting as within directed.

Constable of Montague